

Application Serial No.: 10/705,861  
Attorney Docket No.: 027966-0311351  
In Response to the Notice of Allowance

### ***Remarks***

The amendment to the Specification presented above has been made to reference the related applications from which the instant application claims priority. The changes made to the Specification do not change the scope of any of the allowed claims. Accordingly, Applicant anticipates that the amendment will be entered, and that the amended application will proceed to issue.

### **Examiner Interview**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative in the telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on August 25, 2006. In the Interview, the Examiner indicated that the references in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 25, 2004 had been considered before the allowance of the pending claims, and that a Supplemental Notice of Allowance to that effect would be issued.

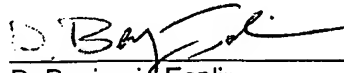
### ***Conclusion***

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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